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With reference to Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, and in accordance with the joint letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 (A/70/623-S/2015/988), I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Montenegro has decided to nominate Igor Lukšić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration, for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

By submitting the candidature, the Government of Montenegro strongly believes that Mr. Lukšić possesses all the necessary skills, attributes, knowledge and experience, as prescribed in General Assembly resolution 69/321, to successfully perform the function of Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Mr. Lukšić has a rich and diverse background and experience in carrying out the highest functions in Montenegro, notably Prime Minister (2010-2012), Minister of Finance (two terms; 2004-2010) and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration (2012-present). The curriculum vitae of Mr. Lukšić is attached to the present letter (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations would be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 120, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Željko **Perović**
Ambassador
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Curriculum vitae*

Igor Lukšić (Montenegro)

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro

Prime Minister 2010-2012, Minister of Finance 2004-2010, Member of Parliament of Montenegro 2001-2003, Member of Parliament of Serbia and Montenegro 2003-2006.

Since 2012, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration.

Lukšić was born on 14 June 1976, in Bar, Montenegro where he finished elementary and high school. He graduated in June 1998 from the University of Montenegro, Faculty of Economics in Podgorica, Entrepreneurship department. He obtained a Master's Degree at the same institution in October 2002 (thesis: "Spontaneous Order and Transition") and a Ph.D. in September 2005 (thesis: "Transition — Process of Achieving Economic and Political Freedoms").

From June 1998 until February 2000, he worked as an associate in implementing the European Commission's assistance programme "Obnova" at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro. From February 2000 until January 2001, he worked as international relations adviser at the Democratic Party of Socialists (DPS). In the period from January to May 2001, he performed duties of Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From January until April 2003, he was public relations adviser to the Prime Minister and from March 2003 to February 2004, he served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia and Montenegro.

As Finance Minister, he oversaw numerous reforms and privatization programme in the banking and insurance industry, worked on the implementation of the tax and budget reforms improving transparency and comprehensiveness of the budget process, as well as on reforms of state aid, internal audit and property rights. One of the main principles were balanced budget, low taxation and reduction of public debt. Since 2008, he has chaired Government Council for the improvement of business environment and structural reforms overseeing the implementation of Doing Business reforms which brought Montenegro from 86th in 2008 to 36th position in 2014. From 2006 until January 2011, he served as Governor on behalf of Montenegro at the World Bank and at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Under his stewardship, Montenegro earned first ever international credit rating in 2004 and issued first ever Eurobonds in 2010.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

As Prime Minister of Montenegro, Lukšić pressed for reforms that led to the opening of the accession talks with the European Union in June 2012 and the membership of Montenegro in the World Trade Organization in 2011. The leading principles were related to the dialogue in the society and inclusive approach towards the civil sector. Government also promoted transparency through the participation in the Open Government initiative and freedom of media. Numerous national identity including for the rehabilitation of the former Montenegrin Petrovic dynasty, as well as economic and social issues were resolved during his mandate. He initiated the adoption of the law on vocational training of college graduates that created the framework for young people to continue their education by working. Mr. Lukšić initiated the launch of the Government's e-petitions portal, and during his term a number of agreements that regulate the relations between the state and the religious communities were signed.

In December 2012, he was elected Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration. Until June 2015, Montenegro started talks with the European Union in 20 chapters. Lukšić has also been one of the key Government players in the implementation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) decision to implement intensive and focused talks that should lead to the NATO membership of Montenegro. In the field of regional cooperation Lukšić launched Western Balkans 6 mechanism as an operational arm of the formal regional initiatives which was supported by the European Commission.

Lukšić was selected Young Global Leader thus becoming YGL Community member of the World Economic Forum in 2013.

Between February 2010 and February 2011, he acted as Chairman of the Montenegrin Basketball Federation.

He is Associate Professor at the Faculty of International Economics, Finance, and Business in Podgorica, teaching the courses of Economics and Development.

He completed several specialist courses and trainings: "Specialist Course", Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, 1999; "U.S. Visitor Program", Washington, 15th March — 1 April 2000, "Summer School of Economics G17", Belgrade, July 1998, "Visitor Leadership Programme" organized by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2001.

He has participated in a number of conferences, seminars, scientific meetings and was engaged in various NGO projects in the past.

He is a member of the Board for Economic Sciences of the Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts. He was member of the Presidency of the ruling Democratic Party of Socialists from 2001 until 2015 and its Vice President from 2011 until 2015.

Lukšić published three books of poetry and prose "The Book of Laughter", "The Book of Fear" and "The Book of Doubt". "The Book of Fear" is published in Italian and French.

He also published a number of working papers dealing with theory of economics and transition.

He is fluent in English, and also speaks Italian, French and German.